1988 POPULATION STATISTICS

Highlights

THE STATE:

Total Population The 1988 estimates indicate that Pennsylvania's resident population was 12,002,236 -- an increase of 138,341 persons or 1.2 percent from the 1980 U.S. Bureau of the Census enumerated figure of 11,863,895. Pennsylvania's population has increased by approximately 1.5 million from the 1950 census enumerated figure of 10,498,012. However, over half of that increase occurred between 1950 and 1960. From 1960 to 1970, the state's population increased by just under 500,000, but, from 1970 to 1980, there was only an increase of approximately 70,000 persons. Pennsylvania's total population has remained relatively stable since 1970. However, since 1950, the percent of the state population under 15 years of age has decreased from 25.0 percent to 19.9 percent while the percentage of the population 65 years of age and older has increased from 8.4 percent to 14.5 percent. Also, in 1950, the median age of the state's residents was 31.3. By 1980, it had increased only slightly to 32.1; however, by 1988, the median age had already increased to 34.0.

Population by Race Races other than white made up 10.4 percent of the total population in 1988. Children under 15 years of age accounted for 19.2 percent of the 1988 white population in the state compared to 25.2 percent for all other races. Also, 9.6 percent of the non-white population was 65 years of age or older in 1988. Among whites, 15.1 percent were 65 or older. These figures reflect the fact that the median age among whites in 1988 was 34.7 compared to 28.8 among those of all other races.

Population by Sex Both the total female and male estimated populations remained stable between 1980 and 1988, with only slight increases in the number of males (1.2 percent) and females (1.1 percent). The median ages among males and females in 1988 were 32.4 and 35.7, respectively. Population declines were concentrated in the age groups 5-24 (12.2 percent) and 50-64 (13.4 percent). The largest population increases between 1980 and 1988 occurred within the age groups of 75 and over (30.8 percent) and 30-44 (25.0 percent).

Age/Sex Profile The profile of Pennsylvania's estimated 1988 population by age and sex (Figure A-2) visibly demonstrates the effects of several major factors -- the low birth rates that have prevailed for the last 15 years, the baby boom which followed World War II and lasted into the mid-1960's, the low birth rates of the 1930's, and the large mortality differential between males and females in the later years of life.

COUNTIES:

Percent Change 1980-88 Of the 67 counties, 33 were estimated to experience population gains and 34 had losses from 1980 to 1988, as compared to 57 and 10, respectively, between 1970 and 1980. Over 52 percent of the population losses occurred in two counties -- Allegheny and Philadelphia. However, the percentage decrease in population was 2.4 for Philadelphia County, compared to 6.6 for Allegheny County. Four other counties (Beaver, Cambria, Luzerne and Westmoreland) accounted for another 20.2 percent of the losses. Thirteen counties with a growth rate of 8.0 percent or more were Pike (46.7), Monroe (34.7), Chester (15.7), Wayne (14.9), Lancaster (14.3), Perry (14.2), Bucks (13.4), Fulton (12.1), Cumberland (9.4), Adams (8.8), Snyder (8.4), Northampton (8.1) and Susquehanna (8.0).

As the state map (Figure A-3) of percent population change by county demonstrates, the northeastern, southeastern and southcentral regions of the state have accounted for almost all of the population gains between 1980 and 1988. Only two counties in the western part of the state had percentage increases in population between 1980 and 1988 -- Butler (3.7 percent) and Armstrong (0.2 percent).

CITIES AND BOROUGHS:

Percent Change 1980-88

Of the 27 municipalities listed in this report, only six showed a percentage increase in population between 1980 and 1988 and the gains were modest -- Lancaster (7.8 percent), Easton (4.8 percent), Lebanon (4.5 percent), Bethlehem (2.9 percent), York (1.7 percent) and Allentown (1.4 percent). Estimated population losses of 10.0 percent and above occurred in five municipalities -- Sharon (18.4 percent), McKeesport (15.2 percent), Johnstown (14.3 percent), Pittsburgh (11.5 percent) and New Castle (11.2 percent).

NOTES: Since Philadelphia is a city/county, figures for that municipality appear in both the county and municipality tables for the user's convenience. See the **Technical Notes** section in the back of this report for complete qualifications regarding the population figures shown in this section.

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TABLE A-1
POPULATION* IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1950-1988

YEAR	POPULATION	YEAR	POPULATION	YEAR	POPULATION
1988	12,002,236	1975	11,828,200	1962	11,376,000
1987	11,936,396	1974	11,835,400	1961	11,468,000
1986	11,889,165	1973	11,902,000	1960	11,319,366
1985	11,863,672	1972	11,926,000	1959	11,323,000
1984	11,900,701	1971	11,879,000	1958	11,101,000
1983	11,894,700	1970	11,793,909	1957	11,166,000
1982	11,885,330	1969	11,803,000	1956	11,132,000
1981	11,870,960	1968	11,755,400	1955	11,132,000
1980	11,863,895	1967	11,646,000	1954	10,895,800
1979	11,730,500	1966	11,637,900	1953	10,829,100
1978	11,749,900	1965	11,535,200	1952	10,733,700
1977	11,785,200	1964	11,459,000	1951	10,594,900
1976	11,862,000	1963	11,424,000	1950	10,498,012

*1950, 1960, 1970 AND 1980 POPULATIONS AS ENUMERATED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 1981 THROUGH 1988 ESTIMATED POPULATIONS AS PREPARED BY THE STATE DATA CENTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT HARRISBURG. ESTIMATED POPULATIONS FOR ALL OTHER YEARS AS PREPARED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

FIGURE A-1
POPULATION, PERCENT BY AGE GROUP
PENNSYLVANIA, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, AND 1988

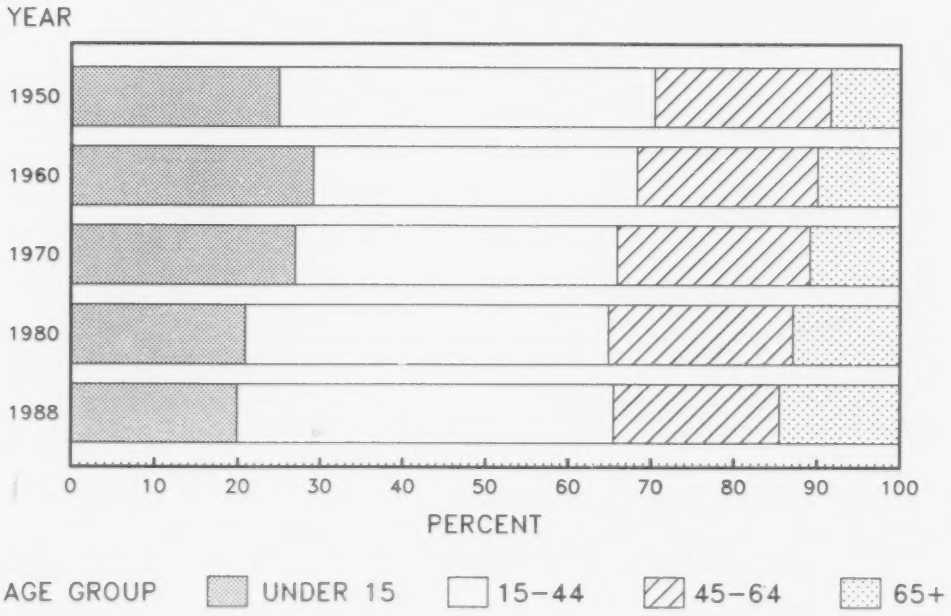

TABLE A-2
POPULATION BY AGE AND RACE: PENNSYLVANIA, 1988

AGE GROUP (IN YEARS)	ALL RACES	WHITE	RACES OTHER THAN WHITE
ALL AGES	12,002,236	10,754,199	1,248,037
UNDER 1 YEAR	165,560	138,559	27,001
1-4	649,847	558,410	91,437
5-9	788,901	688,496	100,405
10-14	779,116	682,838	96,278
15-19	892,771	787,502	105,269
20-24	943,165	828,813	114,352
25-29	981,829	865,066	116,763
30-34	989,541	884,630	104,911
35-39	890,191	802,103	88,088
40-44	773,213	698,673	74,540
45-49	635,254	575,264	59,990
50-54	569,503	517,092	52,411
55-59	584,896	535,016	49,880
60-64	612,570	565,435	47,135
65-69	541,845	503,251	38,594
70-74	436,488	407,701	28,787
75 AND OVER	767,546	715,350	52,196

SOURCE: 1988 POPULATION ARE ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE STATE DATA CENTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT HARRISBURG.

TABLE A-3
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX: PENNSYLVANIA, 1980 AND 1988

AGE GROUP (IN YEARS)	BOTH SEXES		MALE		FEMALE	
	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION
ALL AGES	12,002,236	11,863,895	5,751,472	5,682,590	6,250,764	6,181,305
UNDER 1 YEAR	165,560	158,327	84,829	80,893	80,731	77,434
1-4	649,847	589,131	333,095	301,378	316,752	287,753
5-9	788,901	805,151	403,952	412,460	384,949	392,691
10-14	779,116	931,891	398,565	476,210	380,551	455,681
15-19	892,771	1,080,610	453,363	545,210	439,408	535,400
20-24	943,165	1,059,815	478,121	522,900	465,044	536,915
25-29	981,829	945,051	489,246	468,512	492,583	476,539
30-34	989,541	847,847	487,317	416,215	502,224	431,632
35-39	890,191	682,283	435,913	330,811	454,278	351,472
40-44	773,213	591,789	376,786	284,324	396,427	307,465
45-49	635,254	600,257	304,527	286,858	330,727	313,399
50-54	569,503	695,755	269,547	329,850	299,956	365,905
55-59	584,896	712,074	272,372	332,033	312,524	380,041
60-64	612,570	632,981	278,661	289,152	333,909	343,829
65-69	541,845	537,045	235,217	235,802	306,628	301,243
70-74	436,488	407,020	177,738	166,668	258,750	240,352
75 AND OVER	767,546	586,868	272,223	203,314	495,323	383,554

SOURCE: 1980 POPULATION ENUMERATED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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FIGURE A-2
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX
PENNSYLVANIA, 1988

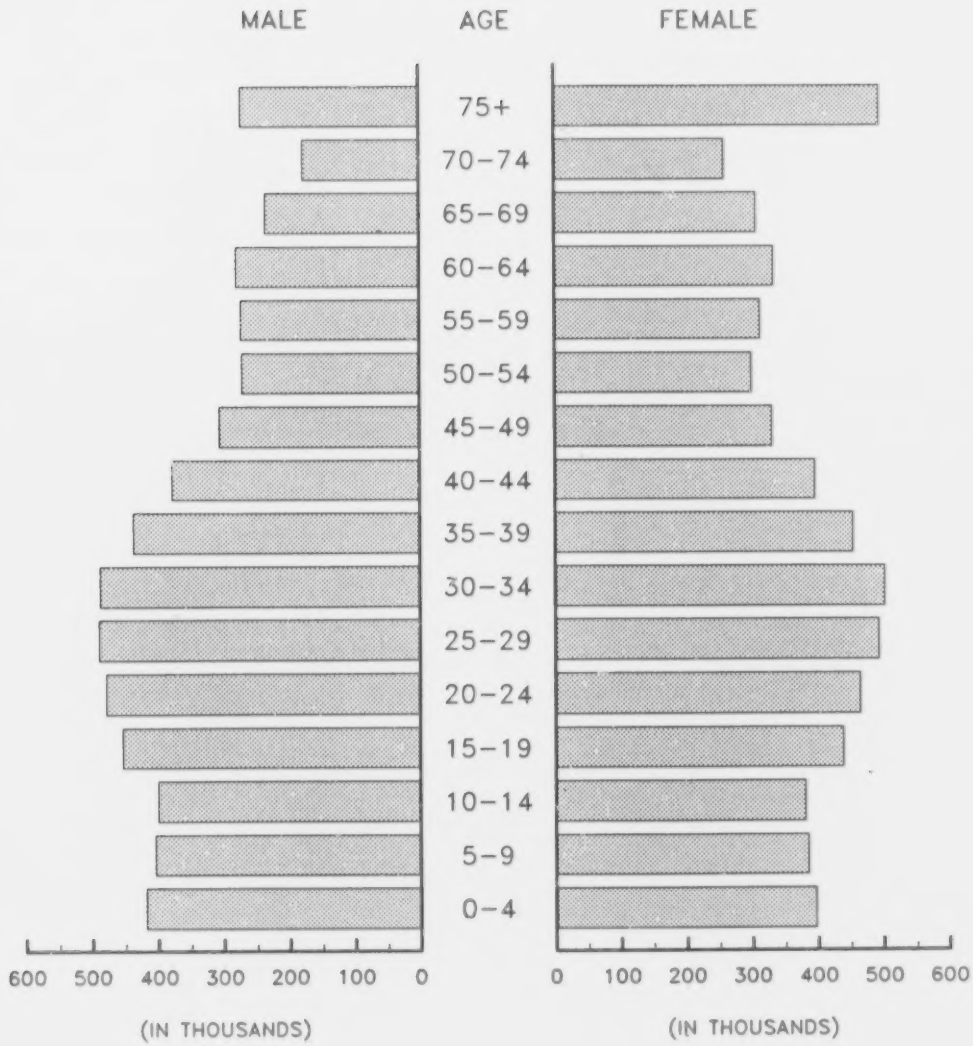

TABLE A-4
POPULATION BY COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, 1980 AND 1988

COUNTY	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION	PERCENT CHANGE 1980-1988	COUNTY	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION	PERCENT CHANGE 1980-1988
ALL COUNTIES	12,002,236	11,863,895	1.2				
ADAMS	74,300	68,292	8.8	JUNIATA	20,303	19,188	5.8
ALLEGHENY	1,354,297	1,450,085	-6.6	LACKAWANNA	222,303	227,908	-2.5
ARMSTRONG	77,899	77,768	0.2	LANCASTER	414,096	362,346	14.3
BEAVER	189,799	204,441	-7.2	LAWRENCE	100,900	107,150	-5.8
BEDFORD	48,003	46,784	2.6	LEBANON	114,302	108,582	5.3
BERKS	329,098	312,509	5.3	LEHIGH	288,702	272,349	6.0
BLAIR	132,496	136,621	-3.0	LUZERNE	331,503	343,079	-3.4
BRADFORD	64,501	62,919	2.5	LYCOMING	118,302	118,416	-0.1
BUCKS	543,602	479,211	13.4	MCKEAN	46,192	50,635	-8.8
BUTLER	153,402	147,912	3.7	MERCER	122,401	128,299	-4.6
CAMBRIA	170,103	183,263	-7.2	MIFFLIN	46,703	46,908	-0.4
CAMERON	6,399	6,674	-4.1	MONROE	93,506	69,409	34.7
CARBON	56,108	53,285	5.3	MONTGOMERY	687,504	643,621	6.8
CENTRE	115,702	112,760	2.6	MONTOUR	16,504	16,675	-1.0
CHESTER	366,503	316,660	15.7	NORTHAMPTON	243,596	225,418	8.1
CLARION	41,800	43,362	-3.6	NORTHUMBERLAND	98,400	100,381	-2.0
CLEARFIELD	81,695	83,578	-2.3	PERRY	40,800	35,718	14.2
CLINTON	38,005	38,971	-2.5	PHILADELPHIA	1,646,997	1,688,210	-2.4
COLUMBIA	61,001	61,967	-1.6	PIKE	26,802	18,271	46.7
CRAWFORD	85,998	88,869	-3.2	POTTER	18,003	17,726	1.6
CUMBERLAND	195,300	178,541	9.4	SCHUYLKILL	154,102	160,630	-4.1
DAUPHIN	240,805	232,317	3.7	SNYDER	36,400	33,584	8.4
DELAWARE	556,902	555,007	0.3	SOMERSET	80,502	81,243	-0.9
ELK	36,698	38,338	-4.3	SULLIVAN	6,404	6,349	0.9
ERIE	277,000	279,780	-1.0	SUSQUEHANNA	40,898	37,876	8.0
FAYETTE	152,199	159,417	-4.5	TIOGA	40,300	40,973	-1.6
FOREST	4,696	5,072	-7.4	UNION	34,902	32,870	6.2
FRANKLIN	120,300	113,629	5.9	VENANGO	60,993	64,444	-5.4
FULTON	14,400	12,842	12.1	WARREN	45,596	47,449	-3.9
GREENE	39,698	40,476	-1.9	WASHINGTON	209,099	217,074	-3.7
HUNTINGDON	43,102	42,253	2.0	WAYNE	40,495	35,237	14.9
INDIANA	92,009	92,281	-0.3	WESTMORELAND	378,702	392,294	-3.5
JEFFERSON	47,702	48,303	-1.2	WYOMING	28,402	26,433	7.4
				YORK	336,100	312,963	7.4

SOURCE: 1980 POPULATION ENUMERATED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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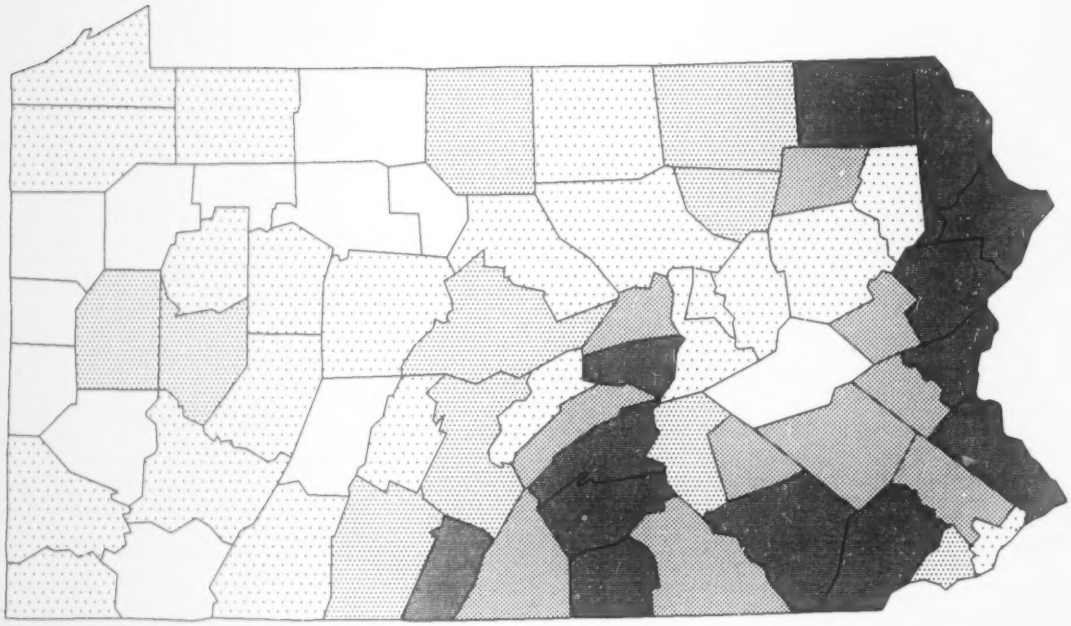
FIGURE A–3
PERCENT POPULATION CHANGE BY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA, 1980 TO 1988



NOTE: STATE PERCENT IS 1.2.

TABLE A-5
POPULATION FOR SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES: PENNSYLVANIA, 1980 AND 1988

MUNICIPALITY	1988 ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980 ENUMERATED POPULATION	PERCENT CHANGE 1980-1988
ALLENTOWN	105,210	103,758	1.4
ALTOONA	52,790	57,078	-7.5
BETHEL PARK	34,470	34,755	-0.8
BETHLEHEM	72,480	70,419	2.9
CHESTER	42,570	45,794	-7.0
EASTON	27,270	26,027	4.8
ERIE	112,800	119,123	-5.3
HARRISBURG	51,730	53,264	-2.9
HAZLETON	25,290	27,318	-7.4
JOHNSTOWN	30,410	35,496	-14.3
LANCASTER	58,980	54,725	7.8
LEBANON	26,860	25,711	4.5
MCKEESPORT	26,300	31,012	-15.2
MONROEVILLE	29,510	30,977	-4.7
NEW CASTLE	29,870	33,621	-11.2
NORRISTOWN	33,370	34,684	-3.8
PHILADELPHIA	1,646,997	1,688,210	-2.4
PITTSBURGH	375,230	423,960	-11.5
PLUM	24,760	25,390	-2.5
READING	76,550	78,686	-2.7
SCRANTON	81,250	88,117	-7.8
SHARON	15,560	19,057	-18.4
STATE COLLEGE	32,890	36,130	-9.0
WEST MIFFLIN	24,270	26,322	-7.8
WILKES-BARRE	47,010	51,551	-8.8
WILLIAMSPORT	31,830	33,401	-4.7
YORK	45,370	44,619	1.7

SOURCE: 1980 POPULATION ENUMERATED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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NOTE: SEE TECHNICAL NOTES FOR CRITERIA USED IN MUNICIPALITY SELECTION.